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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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**Re: CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER 96-044-(5)  
OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER 96-044-(5)  
FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT/THREE-VOTE MATTER**

Dear Supervisors:

On October 28, 2003, your Board conducted its hearing on the above-referenced permits which propose the construction of 542 single-family residences, a fire station site, a sheriff sub-station site, two park lots, three open space lots, and the removal of four oak trees in the Soledad Zoned District. At the conclusion of the hearing, your Board indicated its intent to approve the permits and instructed us to prepare findings and conditions for approval. Enclosed are proposed findings and conditions for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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**FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AND ORDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 96-044-(5)  
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 96-044-(5)**

1. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") conducted a duly noticed public hearing on proposed Conditional Use Permit Case No. 96-044-(5) and Oak Tree Permit Case No. 96-044-(5) on October 28, 2003. The Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted its duly noticed public hearing on these proposals on October 18, 2000. These cases were heard concurrently with Sub-Plan Amendment No. 96-044-(5), Zone Change Case No. 96-044-(5), and Tentative Tract Map No. 48086.
2. The applicant is proposing to construct a residential development on the subject property consisting of 542 single-family residence lots, a fire station site, a sheriff sub-station site, two park lots, and three open space lots with project-associated infrastructure to be developed in compliance with the County's Hillside Management and density-controlled development design review criteria.
3. A conditional use permit is required to ensure compliance with the requirements of the density-controlled development and Hillside Management provisions, Sections 22.56.205 and 22.56.215 respectively, of the Los Angeles County Code ("County Code").
4. A conditional use permit for a density-controlled development allows clustering of the units into the least environmentally sensitive areas of the site while retaining the remaining portion of the property as permanent open space.
5. A conditional use permit for development in a Hillside Management area protects the resources in hillside areas from incompatible development which may result in, or have the potential for, environmental degradation and/or destruction of life and property. The conditional use permit also ensures, to the extent possible, that development maintains and, where possible, enhances the natural topography, resources, and amenities of the Hillside Management area while allowing for limited controlled development therein.
6. The subject property is located north of the Antelope Valley Freeway and Soledad Canyon Road, between Shadow Pines Boulevard and Agua Dulce Canyon Road in the Soledad Zoned District.
7. The subject property is 548.1 acres in size and is irregular in shape with level to hilly terrain. The property is currently undeveloped.
8. Access to this land division is via Spring Canyon Road, located off of Soledad Canyon Road. Additional access through local streets at the western edge of the site will be provided through adjacent Tract Map No. 36943 which is presently under construction.

9. The area surrounding the subject property consists of generally vacant properties, though there are a few scattered single-family residences to the north, a mineral processing use to the east, and the Antelope Valley Freeway to the south. To the west is a residential development of over 600 units which is under construction.
10. At the time the Conditional Use Permit and Oak Tree Permit applications were considered, the subject property was depicted within the R-Non-Urban category of the Countywide General Plan and the N2 (Non-Urban, one dwelling unit per acre) and HM (Hillside Management) categories of the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide Plan. On October 28, 2003, the Board considered and approved Sub-Plan Amendment No. 96-044-(5) changing:
  - 161.9 acres of the site from Hillside Management and N2 to U1 (1.1-3.3 dwelling units per acre) on the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide Plan; and
  - 161.9 acres of the site from R-Non-Urban to 1-Low Density Residential (1-6 dwelling units per acre) on the Countywide General Plan;

385.7 acres of the subject property retains the R-Non-urban designation and 67.5 acres of the subject property retains the N2 designation and 318.7 acres remain Hillside Management.
11. The site is zoned A-2-1 (Heavy Agriculture, one acre minimum required area). Surrounding zoning is A-2-1 to the north, Residential Planned Development ("RPD") to the west, and A-2-1 to the east. To the south is the Antelope Valley Freeway. The zoning was established by Ordinance No. 7904 which became effective February 5, 1957.
12. Zone Change Case No. 96-044-(5) proposes to change the zoning on the subject property to:
  - R-1-6,000 (Single-family residential; 6,000 square feet minimum required area) on 62.51 acres;
  - R-1-7,000 (Single-family residential; 7,000 square feet minimum required area) on 60.57 acres;
  - R-1-8,000 (Single-family residential; 8,000 square feet minimum required area) on 6.97 acres;
  - R-1-10,000 (Single-family residential; 10,000 square feet minimum required area) on 58.35 acres;
  - R-1-15,000 (Single-family residential; 15,000 square feet minimum required area) on 27.36 acres; and

- R-1-20,000 (Single-family residential; 20,000 square feet minimum required area) on 25.94 acres;

The remaining acreage, 306.4 acres, will retain the A-2 zoning designation.

13. The project is consistent with the zoning categories as concurrently approved by the Board and the general plan categories previously approved by the Board on October 28, 2003.
14. Two park lots will be provided.
15. Of the 542 proposed single-family lots, approximately 213 lots will be approximately 6,000 square feet in size, approximately 91 lots will be approximately 7,000 square feet in size, approximately 25 lots will be approximately 8,000 square feet in size, approximately 131 lots will be approximately 10,000 square feet in size, approximately 45 lots will be approximately 15,000 square feet in size, and approximately 41 lots will be approximately 20,000 square feet in size.
16. The public facility lot 544 depicted on the tentative map proposed for use as a fire station lot will be approximately 3.2 acres in size with an approximately 1.0 acre useable pad which shall be graded by the permittee at its expense and designed to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.
17. The public facility lot 543 depicted on the tentative map proposed for use as a sheriff sub-station lot will be approximately 1.8 acres in size with an approximately 1.0 acre usable pad which shall be graded by the permittee at its expense and designed to the satisfaction of the Sheriff's Department. The County, in its sole discretion, may use the sheriff sub-station lot for another public purpose in the event the County decides not to build a sheriff sub-station on the site.
18. Approval of this Conditional Use Permit and Oak Tree Permit will not become effective until the Board has adopted an ordinance effecting the change of zone and such ordinance has become effective.
19. Prior to adoption by the Board of Sub-Plan Amendment No. 96-044-(5), an analysis of the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide Plan classifications applicable to the site indicated that a theoretical maximum of 265 dwelling units were allowed on the subject property. Under the land use categories as adopted by the Board in Sub-Plan Amendment No. 96-044-(5), a range of 349 to 731 units is permitted.
20. An analysis by staff of the area of the site to remain Non-Urban indicates that a maximum of 171 dwelling units are allowed. The low density threshold for the Non-Urban area is 40.9 units.

21. An analysis by staff of the area of the site now designated urban as a result of approved Sub-Plan Amendment No. 96-044-(5), indicates that a maximum of 971 dwelling units are allowed. The low density threshold for the urban area is 161.9 dwelling units. The applicant's development proposal shows 126 dwelling units within the Hillside Management and N2 designated areas. The maximum permitted density within these two land use categories of the project site is 144 units. Although the Hillside Management areas proposed for urban development contain moderate to steep hillsides, these areas are not predominantly in excess of 50 percent natural slope.
22. The clustering of units and lots sizes of less than one acre are permitted provided that the overall density does not exceed a density of one unit per acre as required by the Non-Urban hillside provisions of the Santa Clarita Valley Areawide Plan. With 548.1 acres of land and 542 single-family lots proposed, the project complies with this requirement.
23. It is the intent of the Hillside Management conditional use permit to protect the resources in the Hillside Management areas as specified in the Countywide General Plan from incompatible development which may result in or have the potential for environmental degradation and/or destruction of life and property. It is not the purpose to preclude development within these areas but to ensure to the extent possible, that such development maintains, and where possible, enhances the natural topography, resources, and amenities of the hillside management areas while allowing for limited controlled development therein.
24. The proposed project and the provisions for its design and improvements are consistent with the goals and policies of the Countywide General Plan and have met the burden of proof for issuance of a conditional use permit as set forth in Title 22 of the County Code.
25. The proposed project is located and designed so as to protect the safety of current and future community residents, and will not create significant threats to life and/or property due to the presence of geologic, seismic, slope instability, fire, flood, or erosion hazard. The project is located and designed so as to avoid or minimize hillside development, development activity in significant ecological areas or floodplains, and is mitigated to lessen those impacts as well as any impacts due to the presence of geologic or seismic hazards.
26. The proposed project demonstrates creative and imaginative design through its use of clustering, open space, trails, and other circulation elements, and considerations given to size, scale, and bulk, resulting in a visual quality that will complement community character and benefit current and future community residents.

27. The proposed project is compatible with the biotic, cultural, and scenic resources of the area. Further, the proposed project is designed and located in a manner to protect cultural and scenic resources.
28. The proposed project will not be detrimental to public health and safety. In addressing the project's location, size, design, and the operating characteristics of the proposed uses, consideration has been given to harmony in scale, bulk, coverage, and density. Consideration has also been given to the availability of public utilities, services, and facilities; the generation of traffic and the capacity and physical character of surrounding and proposed streets; and the suitability of the site for the type and intensity of use or development which is proposed.
29. The proposed project is conveniently served by neighborhood shopping and community facilities and can be provided with essential public services without imposing undue costs on the total community, and is consistent with the objectives and policies of the General Plan.
30. The approval of proposed dwelling units in a non-urban area is allowed since the proposed conditions of approval adequately mitigate problems of public safety, design, and environmental considerations as provided for in the Countywide General Plan.
31. The proposed project has the necessary provision for open space in that more than 300 acres will remain permanently undeveloped, as a result of dedicated and deed-restricted open space.
32. Additionally, the proposed project meets the hillside criteria established in Section II.D of the County General Plan, as follows:
  - D.1 With the conditions imposed upon the related tentative tract map, the project will comply with all applicable County and State subdivision requirements;
  - D.2 Engineering solutions to mitigate hillside hazards have been reviewed by the Departments of Public Works and Regional Planning and have been found to be appropriate as they relate to landslides, flooding, erosion, and visual impacts. Furthermore, the conditions for approval mandate the implementation of various design criteria to ensure that compliance will be achieved with respect to the aforementioned issues;
  - D.3 Grading of slopes has been preliminarily approved by the Department of Public Works in its review of the related tentative map. Final detailed grading plans will be submitted to the Department of Public Works for approval before any grading of the site commences. The Fire Department and Department of Regional Planning have recommended conditions

- including the irrigation of common landscape areas, brush clearance, and the approval of a landscape plan that will ensure that fire safety is optimized, and those conditions have been incorporated into the conditions of approval;
- D.4 There are no significant views from existing residential areas that are affected by the project;
- D.4a There are four oak trees proposed to be removed on the project site which are of sufficient size to qualify for an oak tree survey. Oak trees to be removed, as a result of grading necessary to prepare the project site for development, will be subject to the conditions of Oak Tree Permit No. 96-044-(5);
- D.4b The Departments of Public Works and Regional Planning have recommended that graded slopes be landscaped and that such landscaping be maintained throughout the life of the project. These mitigation measures have been adopted as conditions of the related Vesting Tentative Tract Map; and
- D.4c Landform (contoured) grading will be implemented wherever possible in the intervening open space between development areas.
33. The proposed development is consistent with the infrastructure portion (Urban Services Analysis) of the General Plan's Development Monitoring System ("DMS") since there is adequate water service, and sewage discharge capacity will not exceed the Sanitation District's future planned capacity. The proposed sheriff sub-station and fire station sites will mitigate impacts on police and fire services. Appropriate fees will be paid for capital library costs to insure sufficient increased capacity to serve the project's demands. Cumulative impacts on schools were identified during processing. The applicant has agreed to provide the necessary mitigation measures, including a graded site adjacent to the subject property or equivalent mitigation to reduce impacts on schools pursuant to the applicant's Mitigation Agreements with the Sulphur Springs School District and the Hart Union High School District, which are the districts serving the project site. These services were evaluated as part of the environmental analysis and the resultant environmental document.
34. The project is consistent with the access portion of DMS because there is adequate road service, and commercial and employment facilities are located in close proximity. The road service was evaluated as part of the environmental analysis and the resultant environmental document. The proximity to commercial and employment facilities was evaluated as part of the Field Investigation and/or General Plan evaluation and as part of the environmental analysis and the resultant environmental document.

35. The project is consistent with the environmental portion of DMS because there is no significant geotechnical, flood hazard, fire, or natural resource impacts, and the project does not affect publicly held or privately dedicated open space, as shown in the Countywide General Plan. These resources/hazards were evaluated as part of the environmental document.
36. The project, in summary:
  - a. Avoids premature conversion of undeveloped land to urban use because it is proximate to and a natural extension of existing development;
  - b. Promotes a distribution of population consistent with service system capacity, resource availability, environmental limitations, and accessibility;
  - c. Directs urban development and revitalization efforts to protect natural and man-made amenities and to avoid severe hazard areas, such as flood prone areas, active fault zones, steep hillsides, landslide areas, and fire hazard areas;
  - d. Encourages the efficient use of land through a more concentrated pattern of urban development, including the focusing of new urban growth into areas of suitable land;
  - e. Ensures that new development in urban expansion areas will occur in a manner consistent with stated plan policies and will pay for the marginal public costs that it generates;
  - f. Focuses intensive urban uses in an inter-dependent system of activity centers located to effectively provide services throughout the urban area, including adequate transportation facilities; and
  - g. Provides for higher densities of housing to meet increasing demand in areas which will have relatively lesser environmental consequences.
37. The project site is physically suitable for the type of development and the density being proposed because the property has adequate building sites to be developed in accordance with the grading and other applicable provisions of Title 26 of the County Code, has access to a County maintained street, shall be served by sanitary sewers, shall be provided with water supplies and distribution facilities with sufficient capacity to meet anticipated domestic and fire protection needs, and shall have flood hazards and geologic hazards mitigated in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Public Works.
38. The access to this project is adequate for the needs of the future residents and for the deployment of police, fire fighting, and other emergency equipment in emergency situations.

39. A traffic study analyzing the potential traffic impacts of this project was prepared by the permittee and reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works. Mitigation measures to reduce to insignificant or offset adverse impacts are incorporated into the conditions for approval for this project.
40. The necessary drainage improvements for soil erosion control will be designed in accordance with the standards of the Department of Public Works. As required by the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the project, the permittee will prepare and implement drainage and erosion control plans approved by the Department of Public Works prior to the issuance of grading permits, and such plans will comply with the requirements of the drainage concept and subsequent amendments approved by the Department of Public Works for the related tentative tract map.
41. Approval of the Conditional Use Permit is conditioned on the permittee's compliance with the attached conditions for approval as well as the conditions of approval for related Oak Tree Permit No. 96-044-(5) and Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086. Additionally, the mitigation measures contained in the FEIR are incorporated into the conditions for approval for this conditional use and oak tree permit.
42. The site contains a total of 4 mature oak trees with circumferences of 25 inches or more, or two trunks that total at least 38 inches in circumference at four and one-half feet above the ground which are subject to the Oak Tree Ordinance. A wildland fire in 1995 burned most of the oak trees that had previously been located on-site and only the four trees which are the subject of Oak Tree Permit Case No. 96-044-(5) are subject to the Oak Tree Ordinance requirements. Oak Tree Permit Case No. 96-044-(5) requests authorization to remove these four oak trees. Re-sprouting oak trees which were of ordinance protected size before being burned by a wildland fire in 1995 may be removed or encroached upon consistent with the approved Oak Tree Report.
43. The applicant has submitted an Oak Tree Report prepared by a certified arborist that identified and evaluated a total of four oak trees slated for removal.
44. The Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden ("County Forester"), Forestry Division, has reviewed the Oak Tree Report and determined that the document is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition, and species of the oak trees on the site. The County Forester has recommended approval of the requested Oak Tree Permit, subject to recommended conditions for approval, including replacement trees to be provided on a 2:1 basis. Therefore, the total mitigation planting shall include eight specimen oak trees. In addition, eight acorns shall be planted.
45. The removal of 4 oak trees is necessary to accommodate the proposed project design.

46. The necessary drainage improvements for soil erosion control will be designed in accordance with the standards of the Department of Public Works as a condition for approval of the associated tentative tract map.
47. At its hearing on the project, the Commission received oral testimony and written comments from proponents and opponents. An additional discussion on water supply availability and a proposed wildlife corridor occurred before the Commission on October 31, 2001.
48. At the public hearing before the Commission, one person testified in opposition to the project due to concerns about water supply and water contamination.
49. The Commission, in its action on November 14, 2001, recommended that the Board approve the requested Sub-plan Amendment and Zone Change, approved the Conditional Use Permit, Oak Tree Permit and Vesting Tentative Tract Map, subject to the Board's approval of the Sub-Plan Amendment and Zone Change, and certified the FEIR for the project.
50. Subsequent to the Commission's November 14, 2001 action, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report ("Supplemental EIR") was prepared to reanalyze potential traffic impacts based upon a revised methodology and to include additional water supply analysis including water supply assessment and verification information from the Newhall County Water District. The Newhall County Water District will be the water retailer for the project upon annexation into the service area of the district. The Newhall County Water District certified that an adequate supply of water exists for the project. No additional unmitigated significant impacts associated with the project were identified by the Supplemental EIR.
51. At the public hearing before the Board, one person testified in opposition to the project due to concerns about traffic, air quality, and a wildlife corridor.
52. A representative of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy testified before the Board and requested that the permanent open-space lots be granted to a public agency and that an assessment district such as a maintenance district be created to ensure the permanent availability of funding to maintain the permanent open-space and public trails, as well as, wildlife corridor mitigation.
53. A representative of the applicant testified before the Board stating a willingness to dedicate the permanent open-space to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and create a funding mechanism to guarantee the permanent maintenance of the open-space and the 3.5 miles of trails and trailheads to be provided.

54. In approving the project, the Commission and the Board identified the need for new housing that is reasonably close to employment centers in the Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valleys. In addition, the project will provide additional public benefits, including but not limited to: more than 300 acres of permanent, contiguous dedicated and deed restricted open space; approximately 3.5 miles of on-site trails that are available to the public; a one-acre site that will be graded by the applicant and conveyed to the Los Angeles County Fire Department; a one-acre site that will be graded by the applicant and conveyed to the County for a sheriff's sub-station or other future public purpose; a graded site for an elementary school for the Sulphur Springs School District, or equivalent payment of mitigation fees; an 18 acre active park with an improved youth soccer field, restroom facilities, and recreational turf grass areas; a one-acre passive park; significant improvements to the local water and sewer systems that benefit not just the project but other properties and development in the vicinity; and improvements to Soledad Canyon Road, local freeway on- and off-ramps, and other local intersections that benefit not only the project but also enhance regional mobility.
55. An Initial Study was prepared for this project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines ("CEQA Guidelines"), and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles ("County CEQA Guidelines"). The Initial Study concluded that there was substantial evidence that the project may have potentially significant impact on the environment in the following areas: geotechnical, fire hazard, air quality, visual resources, traffic/access, education, water services, environmental safety, library services, flood hazard, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, sewage disposal, sheriff protection, solid waste, and recreation. The Initial Study determined that an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") would be required.
56. The EIR prepared for this project concluded that no significant effects which cannot be avoided or mitigated have been identified except for impacts to biological resources, air quality, and visual resources. All other potentially significant environmental impacts including geotechnical, fire hazard, traffic/access, education, water services, environmental safety, library services, flood hazard, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, sewage disposal, sheriff protection, solid waste, recreation, education, fire protection, visual qualities, and libraries can be mitigated to less than significant levels through implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the FEIR.
57. Approval of this project requires adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations, including a finding that the benefits of the project outweigh the potential unavoidable adverse impacts and that the unavoidable impacts are nonetheless acceptable based on specific overriding considerations.

58. The Board finds that the project is not de minimus in its effect on fish and wildlife resources. Therefore, this project is not exempt from California Department of Fish and Game Fees pursuant to section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code.
59. The FEIR for the project has been prepared in accordance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the County CEQA Guidelines. The FEIR consists of the Draft EIR dated August 2000, the Technical Appendices to the Draft EIR dated August 2000, the Supplemental EIR, Responses to Comments and Appendices dated January 8, 2003, and the FEIR including Responses to Comments dated July 8, 2003 (collectively referred to as the "FEIR").
60. A Mitigation Monitoring Program, dated July 8, 2003, consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the FEIR, has been prepared and its requirements have been incorporated into the conditions of approval for this project.
61. The Board has independently reviewed, considered, and certified the FEIR, and it reflects the independent judgment of the County. As stated in the FEIR and the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, the project will result in unavoidable significant impacts on air quality, biological resources, and visual resources. Such impacts have been reduced to the extent feasible, and the Board finds that the benefits of the proposed project outweigh these unavoidable adverse impacts. Such unavoidable impacts are determined to be acceptable based upon the overriding considerations set forth in the Statement of Overriding Considerations for the project.
62. The Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations which have been prepared for the proposed project are incorporated herein by this reference as if set forth in full.
63. The documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter are located at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Land Divisions Section, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

**BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCLUDES THAT:**

- A. Granting this conditional use permit and oak tree permit with the attached conditions and restrictions will be consistent with the adopted general plan for the area;

- B. The requested uses at the location proposed will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare and will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, or general welfare;
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping, and other development features prescribed in the ordinance, or as otherwise required in order to integrate said uses with the uses in the surrounding areas;
- D. The proposed site is, or will be, adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such uses would generate and by other public or private service facilities as are required;
- E. The proposed project is located and designed so as to protect the safety of current and future community residents and will not create significant threats to life and/or property due to the presence of geologic, seismic, slope instability, fire, flood, mud flow, or erosion hazard. Each of these factors has been considered in the FEIR, and with the required mitigation measures, the potential impacts will be reduced to a level of insignificance;
- F. The proposed project is compatible with the natural, biotic, cultural, scenic, and open space resources of the area;
- G. The proposed project is or will be conveniently served by the neighborhood shopping and commercial facilities, can be provided with essential public services without imposing undue costs on the total community, and is consistent with the objectives and policies of the General Plan;
- H. The proposed project demonstrates creative and imaginative design, resulting in a visual quality that will complement community character and benefit current and future community residents;
- I. The proposed project is designed to be highly compatible with the biotic resources present, including the setting aside of appropriate and sufficient undisturbed areas;
- J. The proposed development is designed to maintain water bodies, watercourses, and their tributaries in a natural state;
- K. The proposed development is designed so that wildlife movement corridors (migratory paths) are left in an undisturbed and natural state;

- L. The proposed development retains sufficient natural vegetative cover and/or open spaces to buffer critical resource areas from the development;
- M. Where necessary, fences or walls are provided to buffer important habitat areas from the proposed development;
- N. The roads and utilities serving the proposed development are located and designed so as not to conflict with critical resources, habitat areas, or migratory paths;
- O. Removal of four oak trees is necessary for development reasons as continued existence of the trees at their present location frustrates the planned improvements or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive;
- P. The removal of four oak trees will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface water which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated;
- Q. The removal of the four oak trees will not be contrary to or in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure; and
- R. Construction of the proposed land use will be accomplished without endangering the health of any remaining trees on the property that are subject to Chapter 22.56, Part 16, of the County Code.

**THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

- 1. Indicates that it has previously certified the FEIR prepared for the project; certifies that it has reviewed and considered the environmental information contained in the document; certifies that the FEIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and County CEQA Guidelines and reflects the independent judgment of the Board as to the environmental consequences of the project; determined that the conditions of approval and mitigation measures discussed in the FEIR are the only mitigation measures for the project which are feasible; determined that the remaining unavoidable environmental effects of the project have been reduced to the extent possible and to an acceptable level and are outweighed by specific social, economic, and environmental benefits of the project; and adopted the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared for the project and readopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations;

2. Approves and adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the proposed project, incorporated in the FEIR, and pursuant to section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code, finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Plan is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation; and
3. Approves Conditional Use Permit No. 96-044-(5) and Oak Tree Permit No. 96-044-(5) subject to the attached conditions.

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 96-044-(5)**  
**OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 96-044-(5)**

1. This grant authorizes the use of the subject property for 542 single-family lots, one public facility fire station lot, one public facility sheriff sub-station lot, two park lots, and three open space lots in compliance with the County's density-controlled development and Hillside Management design review criteria and as depicted on the approved Exhibit "A" subject to all of the following conditions of approval.
2. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until a duly authorized representative of the permittee, and the owner of the subject property if other than the permittee, have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning their affidavit stating that they are aware of, and agree to accept, all of the conditions of this grant and that the conditions have been recorded as required by Condition No. 6, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 7, 11, and 53. Further, this grant shall not become effective unless and until the Board of Supervisors has approved Zone Change Case No. 96-044-(5) and an ordinance reflecting such change of zone has become effective.
3. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant, its successors and assigns and any other person, corporation, or entity making use of this grant.
4. If any provision of this permit is held or declared to be invalid, the permit shall be void and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
5. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing, revoke or modify this grant, if they find that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public health or safety or so as to be a nuisance.
6. The terms and conditions of the grant shall be recorded in the office of the County Recorder prior to the issuance of any grading or building permit or concurrently with the recordation of the final map, whichever occurs first. In addition, upon transfer or lease of all or any portion of the subject property during the term of this grant, the permittee shall promptly provide a copy of this grant and its terms and conditions to the transferee or lessee, as applicable, of the subject property.

7. Within five days of the approval date of this grant, the permittee shall remit processing fees in the amount of \$875 payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination in compliance with section 21152 of the Public Resources Code and to cover the fee required pursuant to section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code. No project subject to these requirements is final, vested, or operative until the fees are paid.
8. The mitigation measures set forth in the Project Mitigation Measures section of the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the project are incorporated herein by this reference and made conditions of this permit. The permittee shall comply with the attached Mitigation Monitoring Program to the FEIR. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures, the permittee shall submit mitigation monitoring reports to the Department of Regional Planning for review and approval by said department. The reports shall describe the status of the permittee's compliance with the required mitigation measures. The reports shall be submitted in the following sequence:
  - Prior to or concurrent with submittal of a site plan to be approved by the Director of Planning ("Director") prior to issuance of grading permits;
  - At the time of building permit issuance, including verification of payment of applicable fees. If the project is phased, a report shall be submitted at each successive phase;
  - Prior to occupancy clearances by the Department of Public Works; and
  - Additional reports shall be submitted as required by the Director, the Forester, and/or Fire Warden.
9. The subject property shall be graded, developed, and maintained in full compliance with the conditions of this grant, and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of these conditions.
10. If any inspection of the subject property discloses that the property is being used in violation of any condition of this grant, the permittee shall be required to reimburse the Department of Regional Planning for all additional inspections and for any enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The amount charged for additional inspections shall be the amount equal to the recovery cost at the time of payment.

11. Prior to the use of this grant, the permittee shall deposit with the County of Los Angeles the sum of \$1,500. These monies shall be placed in a performance fund which shall be used exclusively to compensate the Department of Regional Planning for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval. The fund provides for ten biennial inspections. The inspections shall be unannounced.
12. The permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, which action is brought within the applicable time period of Government Code section 65009 or any other applicable limitation period. The County shall notify the permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding, and the County shall reasonably cooperate in the defense.
13. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the permittee shall, within ten days of the filing, pay the Department of Regional Planning an initial deposit of \$5,000 from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the expense involved in the department's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to: depositions, testimony, and other assistance to the permittee or permittee's counsel. The permittee shall also pay the following supplemental deposits, from which actual costs shall be billed and deducted:
  - a. If during the litigation process, actual costs incurred reach 80 percent of the amount of deposit, the permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation; and
  - b. At the sole discretion of the permittee, the amount of an initial or supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein.

The cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents will be paid by the permittee according to Section 2.170.010 of the Los Angeles County Code "County Code."

14. This grant shall expire unless used within two years after the recordation of a final map for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086. In the event that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086 should expire without the recordation of a final map, this grant shall terminate upon the expiration of said tentative map. Entitlement to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect.

15. The subject property shall be graded, developed, and maintained in substantial compliance with the approved tentative tract map and Exhibit "A" (dated 3/7/00). Amended or revised tentative maps approved for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086 may, at the discretion of the Director, constitute a revised Exhibit "A."
16. All development shall comply with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and of the specific zoning of the subject property, except as specifically modified by this grant, as set forth in these conditions, including the approved Exhibit "A," or a revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director.
17. The development of the subject property shall conform to the conditions approved for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086 and Oak Tree Permit No. 96-044-(5).
18. No grading permit shall be issued prior to the recordation of a final map without the approval of the Director.
19. A maximum of 542 single-family residential units are permitted on the subject property.
20. The area of individual lots shall be approximately that shown on the approved Exhibit "A."
21. This project is approved as a density-controlled development in which the areas of the proposed lots may be averaged to conform to the minimum lot area requirements of the proposed zones in accordance with Section 22.56.205 of the County Code. The associated tentative tract map, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086, may record in phases as separate final maps, provided that the average area of all lots shown on each map, or each final map in conjunction with previously recorded final maps, complies with the minimum area requirements of the zones where lots are proposed with reduced areas.
22. The permittee shall provide in the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, to the satisfaction of the Department of Regional Planning, full disclosure to prospective purchasers of the homes that the development is located adjacent to existing industrial zoning and uses, including the proposed Cemex Aggregate Mine ("Cemex") south of the Antelope Valley Freeway with attendant impacts, which are permitted to continue their operations in compliance with requirements of the County Code and any applicable permits.
23. The Permittee shall prominently display an aerial map in its sales office and model homes showing the subject property, the Antelope Valley Freeway, and proposed Cemex location south of the Antelope Valley Freeway.

24. The permittee shall submit a copy of the project Conditions, Covenants, and Restrictions to the Director for review and approval prior to the recordation of the final map for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086.
25. All utilities shall be placed underground.
26. No structure shall exceed a height of 35 feet above finished grade, except for chimneys and rooftop antennas, as defined by Section 22.08.080 of the County Code.
27. All structures shall comply with the requirements of the Division of Building and Safety of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works ("Public Works").
28. Detonation of explosives or any other blasting devices or material shall be prohibited unless all required permits have been obtained and adjacent property owners have been notified.
29. All grading and construction on the subject property and appurtenant activities, including engine warm-up, shall be restricted to Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No Sunday or holiday operations are permitted.
30. The permittee shall implement a dust control program during grading and construction to the satisfaction of the Director and the Director of Public Works.
31. The permittee shall, upon commencement of any grading activity allowed by this permit, diligently pursue all grading to completion.
32. No construction equipment or vehicles shall be parked or stored on any existing public or private streets.
33. The permittee shall obtain all necessary permits from Public Works and shall maintain all such permits in full force and effect throughout the term of this permit.
34. All construction and development within the subject property shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Building Code and the various related mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire, grading, and excavation codes as currently adopted by the County of Los Angeles.
35. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of extraneous markings, drawings, or signage. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the use of the premises or that do not provide pertinent information about said premises. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-

profit organization. In the event such extraneous markings occur, the permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

36. The permittee shall utilize water-saving devices and technology in the construction of this project consistent with Los Angeles County Building and Plumbing Codes.
37. The property shall be developed and maintained in compliance with all applicable requirements of the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. Adequate water and sewage facilities shall be provided to the satisfaction of said Department.
38. Upon approval of this grant, the permittee shall contact the Fire Prevention Bureau of the County of Los Angeles Forester and Fire Warden to determine what facilities may be necessary to protect the property from fire hazard. Any necessary facilities including, but not limited to water mains, fire hydrants, and fire flow facilities, shall be provided to the satisfaction of and within the time periods established by said Bureau.
39. The permittee shall participate in an appropriate financing mechanism to provide funds for fire protection facilities required by new residential development in an amount proportionate to the demand created by this project.
40. The permittee shall, prior to issuance of the first single-family residential building permit, enter into a park development agreement with the Department of Parks and Recreation that provides for permittee's completion of: (1) an approximately 18 acre active park ("Active Park") consisting of a total usable pad of approximately 4.6 acres, slopes, and parking area as depicted on an approved revised Exhibit "A;" and (2) a one acre passive park ("Passive Park") as shown on an approved revised Exhibit "A" all to the satisfaction of the Department of Parks and Recreation. The following improvements to the Active Park shall be completed prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the first single-family residential unit in the project:
  - a. Improved youth soccer field;
  - b. Recreational turf and landscaping; and
  - c. Restroom facilities.

41. The Passive Park shall be completed prior to issuance of the certificate of occupancy for the 100th single-family residential unit. The park development agreement shall provide that permittee may receive credit against its expenditures on the improvements required by Condition Nos. 40 and 41 against its remaining "Quimby" fee obligation otherwise payable by the permittee. Permittee shall otherwise bear the entire costs to complete such improvements.
42. Prior to the issuance of building permits, the permittee shall pay all required school mitigation fees, if applicable, including fees pursuant to the permittee's mitigation agreements with the Sulpher Springs School District and the Hart Union High School District.
43. Prior to the issuance of building permits, the permittee shall pay a fee of \$603 per dwelling unit to the County of Los Angeles Public Library, or such other amount as may be required by Chapter 22.72 of the County Code at the time of payment as this project's contribution to the library fee, for mitigating impacts on the library system in the Santa Clarita Valley area.
44. Prior to the issuance of any grading or building permit, a site plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Director indicating that the proposed construction and associated grading complies with the conditions of this grant, the development standards of the zone, and is compatible with hillside resources. Review of this site plan, within the limits established by geologic and engineering constraints, shall emphasize grading amount and technique, preservation of natural features, landscaping of altered open space and graded slopes, and placement of residences on site. If the applicant elects to grade in phases, a site plan which does not show walls, parking, or building setbacks may be submitted prior to rough grading, providing a subsequent site plan is submitted depicting such features prior to fine grading or the issuance of building permits.
45. All graded slopes (cut and fill) shall be revegetated. Three copies of a landscape plan, which may be incorporated into a revised plot plan, shall be submitted to and approved by the Director before issuance of a building permit. The landscape plan shall show size, type, and location of all plants, trees, and watering facilities. All landscaping shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and healthful condition, including proper pruning, weeding, removal of litter, fertilizing, and replacement of plants when necessary.

In addition to the review and approval by the Director, the landscaping plans will be reviewed by the staff biologist of the Department of Regional Planning and the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Their review will include an evaluation of the balance of structural diversity (e.g., trees, shrubs, and groundcover) that could be expected 18 months after planting in compliance with fire safety requirements. The landscaping plan shall be maintained in compliance with the approved grading plans.

The landscaping plan must show that at least 50 percent of the area covered by landscaping will be locally indigenous species, including not only trees, but shrubs and ground covering as well. However, if the applicant can prove to the satisfaction of staff that a 50 percent or more locally indigenous species is not possible due to County fire safety requirements, then staff may determine that a lower percentage of such planting is required. In those areas where staff approves a reduction to less than 50 percent locally indigenous vegetation, the amount of such planting required shall be at least 30 percent. The landscaping will include trees, shrubs, and ground covering at a mixture and density determined by staff and the Fire Department. Fire retardant plants should be given first consideration.

**Permitted Plantings.** Trees, shrubs, and ground coverings indigenous to the local region may be used for the required 50 percent landscaping. Fire retardant and locally indigenous plants that may also be used for the required 50 percent of such landscaping can be found on the attached list (marked Exhibit "B") compiled by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. This list may be amended as approved by staff.

**Timing of Planting.** Prior to the issuance of building permits for any construction, the applicant shall submit a landscaping and phasing plan for the landscaping associated with that construction to be approved by the Director. This phasing plan shall establish the timing and sequencing of the required landscaping, including required plantings within 6 months and expected growth during the subsequent 18 months.

The planting shall begin at the time of occupancy of each building. The required planting of new trees, shrubs, and ground coverings shall be completed within six months following occupancy.

The approved phasing plan shall set forth goals for the growth of the new plants in order to achieve established landscaping within 18 months following completion of the required planting. The permittee shall supply information for staff review of the completed landscaping at such time to confirm completion in accordance with the approved landscaping plan. In the event that some plants have not flourished at the time of review, staff may require replacement planting as necessary to assure completion in accordance with such plan.

These requirements shall not apply to areas which have been previously landscaped and irrigated during other phases of development.

46. Per Section 21.32.195 of the County Code, the subdivider or his successor shall plant or cause to be planted one tree within the front yard of each lot. The location and the species of said tree may be incorporated into the landscape plan to be approved by the Director and the County Forester. A bond shall be posted with Public Works for the required trees prior to final map approval.

47. Open space shall comprise not less than 70 percent of the net area of the project. Pursuant to Section 22.56.215 (J) of the County Code, such open space may include the portions of private yards outside the building pads as depicted on Exhibit "A;" landscaped areas adjacent to streets and highways; and areas graded for the rounding of slopes to contour appearance.
48. In order to mitigate noise and visual impacts of the Antelope Valley Freeway, the permittee shall include appropriate feasible buffers between the proposed homes closest to the Antelope Valley Freeway and the freeway, which buffers may include but shall not be limited to: walls, modified setbacks, landscaping, and other mechanisms to the satisfaction of the Director.
49. In order to ensure that homes do not appear box-like and repetitive, the permittee shall incorporate feasible design controls, setbacks, and other measures into the project's master design standards and shall provide such design standards to the satisfaction of the Director.
50. The subdivider shall cooperate in the County's establishment of a landscape maintenance district or similar district to ensure a consistent source of revenue for adequate maintenance of the proposed open space and park areas.

(Questions relating to Conditions 51 through 81 should be addressed to the Forestry Division, Prevention Bureau of the County Forester and Fire Warden at either (818) 890-5719 or (323) 881-2481.)

51. This grant authorizes the removal of four trees of the Oak Genus identified as Tree Nos. 49, 246, 251, and 252 on the permittee's site plan and Oak Tree Report subject to all of the following conditions of approval. Re-sprouting oak trees which were of ordinance-protected size before being burned by a wildland fire in 1995 and are no longer subject to the Oak Tree Ordinance may be removed or encroached upon consistent with the Oak Tree Report.
52. No oak tree shall be removed until the permittee has obtained all permits and approvals required for the work which necessitates such removal.
53. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, deposit with the Fire Department a sum of \$1,000. Such fee shall be used to compensate the County Forester \$100 per inspection to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with these conditions of approval.

The above fees provide for ten subsequent annual inspections until the conditions of approval have been met. The Director and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections.

54. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the update document on file at the Department of Regional Planning by Land Design Consultants, the consulting arborist, dated October 13, 1999.
55. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director and the Forestry Division of the Fire Department stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that he or she agrees to report to the Director and County Forester any failure to fully comply with the conditions of this grant. The arborist shall prepare a schedule of construction activities wherein the arborist will be present on the project site to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.
56. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impact as determined by the County Forester for the life of the Oak Tree Permit or Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086.
57. The permittee shall keep copies of the Oak Tree Report, Oak Tree Map, Mitigation Planting Plan, and Conditions of Approval on the project site and available for review. All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak Tree Map, and Conditions of Approval.
58. The permittee shall install temporary fencing (chain link), not less than six feet in height, to secure the protected zone of all remaining oak trees within the vicinity of grading and construction operations during construction as recommended by the County Forester. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending 5 feet beyond the dripline of the oak tree (before pruning), or 15 feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.
59. In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two-inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines are available from the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. In no case shall more than 20 percent of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

60. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining oak tree shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance, prepared by the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, a copy of which is enclosed with these conditions.
61. As agreed, the permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the oak genus at a rate of 2:1 for each oak tree removed for a total of eight mitigation trees.
62. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon-specimen in size and measure one inch or more in diameter, one foot above the base. Trees with multiple stems are permissible; the combined diameter of the two largest stems of such trees shall measure a minimum of one inch in diameter, one foot above the base.
63. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties of Quercus agrifolia grown from a local seed source and shall be of high quality.
64. The permittee shall plant one acorn of the Quercus agrifolia variety for each mitigation tree planted. The acorns shall be planted at the same time as, and within the watering zone of, each mitigation tree.
65. All required mitigation trees shall be planted within one year of the permitted oak tree removals. Additional mitigation trees shall be planted within one year of the death of any tree which results from permitted encroachment. Mitigation trees shall be planted on-site in locations approved by the project arborist in consultation with the County Forester. In circumstances where on-site planting is shown to be infeasible, the mitigation trees may be planted off-site at an approved location, or a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the Oak resources loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
66. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The three-year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director and the County Forester indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive two years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.
67. The project arborist shall inspect all mitigation trees on a quarterly basis for two years after completion of construction. The arborist's observations shall be reported to the County Forester, including any loss of trees.

68. All mitigation oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance, once the trees have survived the required maintenance period.
69. Prior to the planting of the trees, the biologist/arborist for the permittee shall determine planting sites, prepare planting plans and specifications, and a monitoring program, all of which shall be approved by the County Forester and the Department of Regional Planning.
70. All work on or within the protected zone of an oak tree shall be performed by or under the supervision of the consulting arborist.
71. Trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools. Any major roots encountered shall be conserved to the extent possible and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.
72. Installation of fencing around the perimeter of the properties shall be of wrought iron or wood post type construction wherever the fencing passes within ten feet of any oak trunk. No block walls or other type of fence or wall construction which requires substantial trenching for foundations shall be located within ten feet of any oak tree in order to limit damage caused by such types of construction.
73. Unless specifically authorized by this grant, encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited without an addendum prepared by the Forestry Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and approved by the Department of Regional Planning.
74. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional trees of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in their injury or death within two years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
75. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any oak tree that will be retained.
76. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.
77. Equipment, materials, and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any oak.

78. Any violation of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a Notice of Correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the Notice of Correction.
79. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any condition of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance. The Director and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections.
80. This oak tree permit shall expire unless used within two years after the recordation of a final map for Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086. In the event that Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 48086 should expire without the recordation of a final map, this grant shall terminate upon the expiration of the tentative map. Entitlement to the use of the property thereafter shall be subject to the regulations then in effect.
81. Oak Tree Permit No. 96-044-(5) shall terminate upon the completion of the authorized oak tree removal and the completion of all required mitigation and monitoring to the satisfaction of the County of Los Angeles Forester and Fire Warden, Forestry Division, and the Department of Regional Planning.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

A mitigation monitoring program for the Spring Canyon Project (V.T.T.M. 48086) follows. In order to demonstrate that compliance with the mitigation measures is feasible during and after project implementation, the following matrix outlines Mitigation Measure(s), Party Responsible for Mitigation, Monitoring Action, Party Responsible for Monitoring, and Monitoring Implementation.

The mitigation measures contained herein have been revised, where necessary, from those in the text of the Draft Environmental Impact Report in response to further project review and comments received during public circulation and the public hearing process.

The Mitigation Monitoring Program is proposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code.

## ***Mitigation Monitoring Program***

Monitoring of specific mitigation measures has been appropriately assigned to specific agencies and/or entities relative to their particular area of expertise. Many of these monitoring actions are already included in the existing County review process, however, others require additional oversight to ensure compliance with any specially adopted conditions of approval.

The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (LACDRP) is the appropriate agency to serve as the Lead Monitoring Agency with respect to the Conditional Use Permit, having broad oversight in regard to applicant compliance and the effective performance of identified sub-monitoring agencies as a condition of project approval.

LACDRP will require sequential reports by the applicant affirming compliance with sub-monitoring Agencies. In addition, the applicant may be required to retain an independent environmental consultant throughout an appropriately designated time frame so as to ensure mitigation compliance, timely preparation of reports, and to assist LACDRP in their role as Lead Monitoring Agency. An appropriate funding mechanism will also be required as a condition of project approval.

Consequences of non-compliance may include, but not be limited to, revocation actions, DA referrals and other appropriate actions, in the event that such action is required.

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The following acronyms are used in the mitigation monitoring plan:

ACOE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
CC&R	Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions
CDFG	California Department of Fish & Game
CRWQCB	California Regional Water Quality Control Board
DHS	Drainage & Hydrology Section
GSD	Geology & Soils Division
HOA	Home Owners Association
LACDPR	Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation
LACDPW	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
LACDRP	Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
LACFD	Los Angeles County Fire Department
LACFFW	Los Angeles County Forester & Fire Warden
LACPL	Los Angeles County Public Library
LACS	Los Angeles County Sheriff Department
LACSD	County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts
LACTLD	County of Los Angeles Traffic & Lighting Division
N/A	Not Applicable
SCAQMD	South Coast Air Quality Management District
SSSD	Sulphur Springs School District
WHUSD	William S. Hart Union High School District

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Mitigation Measure	Party Responsible for Mitigation	Monitoring Action	Party Responsible for Monitoring	Monitoring Implementation
<b>GEOTECHNICAL</b>				
The following project-specific (PS) mitigation measures shall be implemented prior to project development. Implementation of all of the mitigation measures listed below along with the standard engineering measures included in the final geotechnical report, in addition to the standard requirements set forth by the County of Los Angeles and the Uniform Building Code (listed in the Geotechnical Report in Appendix F), will reduce any potentially significant geologic impacts to a level that is less than significant.			LACDPW	Prior to grading plan approval
• (PS) As necessary, the west-facing slopes below the proposed water tank(s) shall be stabilized by means of buttress fills in order to mitigate for existing unsupported bedding planes.	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Project geologist	Review and approval of grading plan	LACDPW	Prior to grading plan approval
• (PS) Mitigation for the eight (8) landslides and/or slumps mapped within the limits of proposed development on the site shall include, at minimum, the following:	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Project geologist	Review and approval of grading plan	LACDPW	Prior to grading; during and post-development inspections
• landslides in the interior of the area to be developed shall be mitigated by removal and replacement with compacted fill. Specific recommendations shall	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Project geologist	Review and approval of grading plan	LACDPW	

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Mitigation Measure	Party Responsible for Mitigation	Monitoring Action	Party Responsible for Monitoring	Monitoring Implementation
<p>be prepared during the preliminary and grading plan review stages of the project;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landslides that have the potential to fail into debris basins shall be mitigated by means of toe stabilization or buttressing;</li> <li>• Landslides that exist on slopes subjacent to proposed development shall be mitigated with shear keys or buttresses;</li> <li>• Landslides located outside the limits of proposed development need not be stabilized, but shall be placed in "Restricted Use Areas" prior to Tract Map recordation.</li> </ul> <p>(PS) In order for the subdrain system to outlet in Spring and Tapié Canyons, the southern portion of the subdrain shall be placed within compacted fill. Concrete headwalls shall be required at the transition from perforated to non-perforated pipe and shall be utilized as directed in the field.</p>	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Project geologist	Review and approval of grading plan	LACDPV	Prior to grading; during and post-development inspections
<p>(PS) Existing artificial fills occur within the existing gas line easement, dirt roads and as part of the down-slope north embankment of Valley Canyon Road. Agency(ies) governing the improvements on Valley Canyon Road</p>	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Project geologist	Review and approval of grading plan	LACDPV & The Gas Company	Prior to grading; during and post-development inspections

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shall be contacted to obtain information as to the time and standards under which the fill was constructed. Where removals and/or standards used during previous construction do not meet present standards and/or requirements, setbacks and/or deepened foundations shall be required where removals are restricted by offsite improvements.				Prior to grading; during and post-development inspections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (PS) The Gas Company shall be contacted to verify that the added surcharge fill will not detrimentally affect the buried line. Further information shall be obtained relative to Gas Company requirements for working (i.e., cleanouts, fill placement equipment loading/ crossing, etc) on or near the gas line. Upon direction from the Gas Company, the gas line shall be spanned with a small bridge structure.</li> <li>• (PS) All future grading and/or exploration near Highway 14 shall require coordination with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Project geologist	Review and approval of grading plan	LACDPW & The Gas Company	Prior to grading; during and post-development inspections
<b>FLOOD HAZARD</b>	Implementation of all of the following standard (S) and project specific (PS)		LACDPW & CALTRANS	Prior to grading; during and post-development Inspections

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mitigation measures will reduce the potential for flood hazard impacts to a less than significant level.				
• (S) All drainage improvements will conform to the Drainage Concept Plan submitted to and approved by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. All proposed onsite drainage facilities are subject, in their final design, to the standards and specifications set forth by the County Department of Public Works and will be reviewed in detail during the storm drain permitting process.	Project Applicant; Project engineer; Grading contractor	Approval of drainage concept	LACDPW-Drainage & Hydrology Section	Prior to recordation of final map; during and post construction inspections
• (S) Implement County-approved onsite drainage improvements of inlet/outlet structures and storm drains.	Project Applicant; Project engineer; Grading contractor	Approval of drainage concept	LACDPW-Drainage & Hydrology Section	Prior to recordation of final map; during and post construction inspections
• (S) Landscape and maintain proposed cut and fill slopes with drought-tolerant vegetation to reduce potential increases in runoff and erosion.	Project Applicant; Landscape contractor; Project occupants	Approval of landscape plan; onsite Inspections	LACDRP; LACDPW; LACFD	Prior to grading permit approval; during and post construction inspections
• (S) Elevate all building pads above the Q <sub>50</sub> storm flow level.	Project Applicant; Project engineer; Grading contractor	Approval of drainage concept; issuance of grading permit; issuance of construction permits for improvements	LACDPW-Drainage & Hydrology Section	Prior to issuance of grading permit
• (S) Obtain necessary permits from the United States Army Corps of Engineers	Project Applicant	Condition of project approval	CRWQCB, ACOE, CDFG, LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit

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(ACOE) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) for alteration of existing natural drainage courses prior to grading permit issuance.	Project Applicant; project engineer	Condition of project approval	LACDPW-Drainage & Hydrology Section	Prior to recordation of final map; during and post-construction inspections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (S) In order to reduce erosion in the adjacent natural drainage courses, energy dissipation devices at the outlets of the proposed storm drain systems will be considered.</li> </ul>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (S) The applicant shall comply with all applicable National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) procedure will be followed in the design of the project and during construction, utilizing Best Management Practices as required by the Clean Water Act.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant	Condition of project approval	CRWQCB & LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (S) The applicant shall comply with all SUSDMP requirements, including the post construction, permanent BMPs approved as part of the Drainage Concept.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant	Review and approval of Drainage Concept; Approval of final grading compliance form	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit
<b>FIRE HAZARD &amp; PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>		Development shall comply with the following mitigation requirements of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Implementation of		

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all of the following project-specific (PS) and standard (S) mitigation measures will reduce the potential project-related impacts to a less than significant level.				
• (PS) The project shall include a graded, future fire station lot.	Project Applicant	Review and approval of grading plan	LACDPW	Prior to grading permit approval
• (PS) The land value of the future fire station lot shall be assessed prior to building permits being issued.	Project Applicant	Review and approval of building plans	LACDPW & LACFD	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) The applicant shall comply with all applicable fire code and ordinance requirements for construction, access, water mains, fire hydrants, fire flows and brush clearance.	Project Applicant; Architect; Building contractor	Issuance of building permit	LACDPW; LACFD	Prior to issuance of building permit; post-development inspections
• (S) All roads shall be designed per County of Los Angeles standards for fire safety (Subdivision Code, Title 21, Chapter 24).	Project Applicant; Project engineer	Approval of road improvement plans	LACDPW; LACFD	Prior to recordation of final map; post-development inspections
• (S) Preliminary review by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department to determine required Fuel Modification zones and notarized maintenance of off-site agreements, if any, must be completed prior to the issuance of a grading permit.	Project Applicant; Landscape contractor; Building contractor	Issuance of grading permit	LACDPW, LACFFW	Prior to issuance of grading & building permits; post-development inspections
• (S) No combustible material, including	Project Applicant; Building contractor	Issuance of building permit	LACDPW; LACFFW	Prior to issuance of building permit; post-

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framing material, will be allowed on site until the final fuel modification plan is approved, and initial thinning and clearing are completed.	Project Applicant	Issuance of occupancy permit	LACDPW; LACFFW	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) All requirements of the Fuel Modification Plan, approved by the County of Los Angeles, must be completed prior to building permit approval.	Project Applicant; Project engineer	Issuance of occupancy permit	LACDPW; LACFD	Prior to issuance of occupancy approval
• (S) Fire department-approved street signs and building address numbers shall be provided prior to occupancy.	Project Applicant; Project engineer	Issuance of building permit	LACDPW, LACFD	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) Private driveways shall be indicated on the final map as "FIRE LANES" and shall be maintained in accordance with the Los Angeles County Fire Code Section 10.207 (Common Drives).	Project Applicant; Project engineer	Issuance of building permit	LACDPW, LACFD	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) A retaining wall shall be installed as required where grading of natural slopes abuts the hydrant to assure adequate access to the hydrant.	Project Applicant; Project engineer; Building contractor	Issuance of building permit	LACDPW, LACFD	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) Where possible, landscaping materials shall include drought-tolerant, low-water-use vegetation with a low fuel potential to reduce fire hazards.	Project Applicant; Landscape architect	Issuance of grading permit; approval of landscape plan; onsite inspection; Approval of Final Fuel Modification Plan	LACDPW; LACFFW; LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit; during and post-construction inspections

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<b>NOISE</b>				
In order to comply with the requirements of the California Noise Insulation Standards (Title 24), as well as standards for exterior noise as found in Title 24, Part 51 of the Code of Regulations, the following mitigation measures will be implemented. All but two of the mitigation measures listed below are standard for all development projects in the County of Los Angeles.	Project Applicant; Project architect; Building contractor	Approval of building plans; post-development inspection	LACDRP, LACDPW Department of Building & Safety	Prior to issuance of grading permit; during and post-construction inspections; prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (S) Restriction of grading and construction activities to between 7a.m. and 7p.m. on weekdays and 8a.m. to 5p.m. on Saturdays. No work should be done on Sundays or holidays except for emergency conditions.</li> <li>• (S) All construction and grading equipment should be checked for proper maintenance. All vehicles and compressors should use exhaust mufflers, and engine enclosure covers as designed by the manufacturer should be in place at all times.</li> <li>• (S) Subcontractors will comply with the appropriate sections of the Building Ordinance and the Noise Ordinance.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	LACDPW	During construction
	Project Applicant; Building contractor; Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	LACDRP	During construction

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) Lots 505 – 521 and Lot 533 are not shielded by hills adjacent to the freeway as the other lots are. It is recommended that a 6' high solid wall be built along the property line adjacent to the freeway on these lots.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Building contractor; Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	LACDRP, DHS; LACDPW	Prior to construction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) Even though it is not required to comply with the California Noise Insulation Standards, all windows and glass doors facing the freeway on Lots 505 – 521 and Lot 533 shall be glazed with STC 32 glazing.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project architect; Building contractor	Approval of building plans; post-development inspection	LACDPW, DHS	Prior to issuance of building permit; during and post-construction inspections; prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy
<b>AIR QUALITY</b>				
The following measures could be feasibly implemented during the construction phases of development to further decrease project-related emissions.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(S) Develop and implement a construction management plan that includes the following measures recommended by the SCAQMD, or equivalently effective measures approved by the SCAQMD:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Configure construction parking to minimize traffic interference.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Project Applicant	Approval of grading plans	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit
	Construction Superintendent	On-site inspection	LACDPW	During site preparation

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• Provide temporary traffic controls during all phases of construction activities to maintain traffic flow (e.g., flag person).	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site Inspection	LACDPW	During site preparation
• Schedule construction activities that affect traffic flow on the arterial system to off-peak hours to the degree practicable.	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site Inspection	LACDPW	During site preparation
• Re-route construction trucks away from congested streets.	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site Inspection	LACDPW	During site preparation
• Consolidate truck deliveries when possible.	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site Inspection	LACDPW	During site preparation
• Provide dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site.	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	LACDPW	During site preparation
• Maintain equipment and vehicle engines in good condition and in proper tune as per manufacturer's specifications and per SCAQMD rules, to minimize exhaust emissions.	Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	SCAQMD	During site preparation

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspend use of all construction equipment operations during second stage smog alerts. Contact the SCAQMD at 800/242-4022 for daily forecasts.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	SCAQMD	During site preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use electricity from power poles rather than temporary diesel- or gasoline-powered generators.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	SCAQMD	During site preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use methanol- or natural gas-powered mobile equipment and pile drivers instead of diesel if readily available at competitive prices.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	SCAQMD	During site preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use propane- or butane-powered on-site mobile equipment instead of gasoline if readily available at competitive prices.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant and Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	SCAQMD	During site preparation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(S) Fugitive dust emissions shall be controlled by regular watering or other dust preventative measures as identified by the SCAQMD Rule 403.</li> </ul>	Construction superintendent	On-site inspection	SCAQMD	During site preparation
The following measures could feasibly be implemented by the proposed project to reduce the impacts of operation-related emissions.				

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Stationary Sources:					
• Utilize solar or low emission water heaters in residential uses to reduce natural gas consumption and emissions.	Project Applicant; Architect	On-site Inspection	SCAQMD	Prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy	
• Residential uses are to utilize built-in energy-efficient appliances to reduce energy consumption and emissions.	Project Applicant; Architect	On-site Inspection	SCAQMD	Prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy	
• Provide shade trees in residential subdivisions to reduce building heating/cooling needs.	Project Applicant; Landscape architect	Approval of buildings and landscaping plans	SCAQMD, LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permits	
• Residential uses are to utilize energy-efficient and automated controls for air conditioners to reduce energy consumption and emissions.	Project Applicant; Architect	Approval of building and landscaping plans	SCAQMD and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permits	
• Install special sunlight-filtering window coatings or double-paned windows in residential uses to reduce thermal gain or loss.	Project Applicant; Architect	Approval of building and landscaping plans	SCAQMD and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permits	
• Utilize automatic lighting on/off controls and energy-efficient lighting in new residential construction (including street lighting and parking areas) to reduce electricity consumption and associated emissions.	Project Applicant; Architect	Inspection prior to certificate of occupancy	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of occupancy permits	

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• Use light-colored roofing materials in new residential construction as opposed to dark roofing materials. These materials would reflect, rather than absorb, sunlight and minimize heat gains in buildings. This measure would lessen the overall demand for mechanical air conditioning systems.	Project Applicant; Architect	Inspection prior to certificated of occupancy	SCAQMD	Prior to issuance of building permit
Mobile Sources:				
• Construct bus stops at locations to be determined in coordination with the bus transit service provider that will serve the project area.	Project Applicant; Project Engineer	Condition of project	LACDPW; County of Los Angeles Traffic & Lighting Division	Prior to issuance of building permit
• Synchronize and/or install traffic signals on streets impacted by project.	Project Applicant; Project Engineer	Condition of project	LACDPW; County of Los Angeles Traffic & Lighting Division	Prior to issuance of building permit
<b>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</b>				
Implementation of all of the following mitigation measures will reduce the impacts anticipated from project development, but not to a level that is less than significant. Some of the mitigation measures are standard (S) and others are project specific (PS).				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) Open Space Lot Nos. 547 and 548 shall be deed restricted from future development, and managed as natural reserves for the life of the project. (The applicant is currently researching the possibility of deeding the open spaces to a conservation agency for management.)</li> </ul>	Project Applicant	Review and approval of final map	LACDRP	Condition of final map recordation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) The applicant shall develop an Open Space Management Plan that shall be prepared by a qualified biologist and reviewed by LACDRP prior to issuance of grading permits. The plan shall be incorporated into the CC&amp;R's for the tract, and shall contain the following elements: Goals/Objectives; Permitted/Prohibited Uses; Biological Monitoring Protocols/Reports; Sensitive Species/Habitats Management; Exotic Plant/Animal Management; Habitat Restoration including California Junipers; Plan Implementation Schedule; Responsible Parties; Funding; Enforcement/Penalties; Trespass Remediation; Contingencies; and Plan Update Requirements.</li> <li>(PS) Prior to project grading, the site shall be surveyed (during April-May, as the species is most evident at this time) to locate all impacted individuals of</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project Biologist	Condition of Approval	LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permits and condition of final map recordation

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slender manisosa lily ( <i>Calochortus clavatus gracilis</i> ). These individuals shall be physically flagged for salvage during mid-summer, after the fruits have matured, at which time seeds shall be harvested for propagation or scattering to new, suitable locations.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (PS) A mitigation plan for the wildlife “corridor” shall be developed, reviewed and approved by the Department of Regional Planning prior to issuance of the final grading permit for the project. The mitigation plan will provide a detailed method for the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined in the biological resources section, including, but not limited to the items (a-m) listed below.</li> <li>• (PS) The mitigation for the loss of access to the culvert at the terminus of Tapie Canyon shall be the improvement of the underpass at Stonerest Road. At present, wildlife must either share the asphalt road with vehicles or traverse the steep dirt banks. The proposed improvement is the construction of a separate trail (walkway) adjacent to the road, which would be used by wildlife, equestrians, and pedestrians. To increase the</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project Biologist  Project Applicant; Project Biologist	Review and approval of project biologist's mitigation plan  Review and approval	LACDRP  LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit  Field inspection prior to recordation of final map

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<p>walkway's value to wildlife, it shall be located on the opposite side of the road from the bridge support columns. The trail bed shall consist of natural materials such as decomposed granite or mulch, and the trail shall be 8-feet wide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• b) (PS) Natural habitat connectivity shall be maintained from Spring Canyon to the underpass, including removal of the paved portion of the road that now leads from the underpass easterly toward Spring Canyon (existing Valley Canyon Road). The trail from the underpass shall be continued into Spring Canyon along the route of the existing road, and native vegetation shall be planted on either side of the trail.</li> <li>• c) (PS) In order to maintain a higher level of connectivity through the project site, the applicant is offering the following additional measures to provide for the continued use of the existing ±10' high concrete culvert at the southwest corner of the property in Open Space Lot 546:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) At the southwest corner of the project site, a 60-inch concrete pipe will be placed under proposed Valley Canyon Road. This pipe would act as an underpass for wildlife use, eliminating the obstacle of crossing Valley Canyon</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project Biologist	Review and approval of project biologist's mitigation plan	LACDRP	Field inspection prior to recordation of final map
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Road to get to the existing $\pm 10$ -foot culvert that goes under the 14 Freeway.				
2) On Lots 8, 9, 12 and 13, the grading for the pads and the rear lot lines will be pulled back 20 feet from the property boundary. This will facilitate an on-site connection to the above-referenced 60" pipe under crossing and beyond to the existing $\pm 10$ foot culvert under the freeway.				
3) In addition to the above-referenced 60" pipe connection to the existing $\pm 10$ foot high culvert, the applicant proposes to add a 12-foot wide, landscaped parkway on the south side of proposed Valley Canyon Road that will extend from the Spring Canyon Road underpass to Open Space Lot 546. In order to facilitate wildlife movement along this route, the parkway would include a natural substrate and native landscaping to reduce the perceived threat from vehicle traffic.				
• d) (PS) The Present plan shows encroachment into the stream course and a substantial narrowing of the existing corridor in the vicinity of lots 400 –403. The encroachment into the streamcourse shall be eliminated and	Project Applicant; Project Biologist	Review and approval of project biologist's mitigation plan	LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit

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the available corridor width will be increased in this area. Reconfiguration of the project in this area may result in the reduction of the total number of developable lots on the project site. Approximately nine acres of the south and west facing slopes of Spring Canyon will require substantial reconstruction for conformance with slope compaction standards.				
• e) (PS) An aggressive revegetation plan will be developed for the project. The plan will detail the species utilized in the revegetation effort, planting methods, and the placement of the plants. The plan will also provide instruction for the relocation of the holly-leaf cherry trees that will be salvaged from other portions of the site.	Project Applicant; Project Botanist/biologist; Landscape architect	Review and approval of revegetation plan and landscape plan	LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit
• f) (PS) Only locally native species shall be used in the landscaping of the slopes of Spring Canyon. Any other landscaping on these slopes with non-native species shall be prohibited through the CC&R's. The north- and west-facing slopes shall be in preserved open space and should not be landscaped.	Project Applicant; Project Botanist/biologist; Landscape architect	Review and approval of revegetation plan and landscape plan	LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit
• g) (PS) A low wall, approximately 3 feet in height, shall be placed at the	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Construction	Review and approval of landscape plan and building	LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit

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brow of the slope (at the edge of the graded pad) on all lots adjacent to preserved open space areas. This wall will be the delineator between the native-only landscaping areas and the customary garden landscaping allowed in the pad areas. This wall will also provide a portion of the fire protection required by county ordinance.	contractor	plans		Prior to issuance of building permit
• h) (PS) The south- and east-facing slopes of Spring Canyon are located within designated private lots. Deed restrictions shall be placed on the slope areas within these lots so that no fencing will be constructed down the sides of the slopes. Fencing on top of the barrier walls will be limited to relatively unobtrusive ironwork, or similar material.	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Construction contractor	Review and approval of landscape plan and building plans	LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit
• i) Approximately nine acres of the south and west facing slopes of Spring Canyon will require substantial reconstruction for conformance with slope compaction standards. The topsoil on these slopes will be salvaged and replaced on the slopes following reconstruction.	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Construction contractor	Review and approval of landscape plan and building plans	LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit
• j) The toe of the reconstructed slope will be located at the same place as the present toe of slope. It is recognized	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Construction contractor	Review and approval of landscape plan and building plans	LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit

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that construction will alter the existing stream bank and channel during construction. The contours of the stream course will be restored to their present condition. The recontoured slopes will be revegetated as described above.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k) Where feasible, the holly-leaved cherry trees located in the bottom of Tapie Canyon shall be relocated to the bottom of Spring Canyon.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project Botanist/biologist; Landscape architect	Review and approval of revegetation plan and landscape plan	LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>l) Replacement scrub oaks shall be planted in appropriate on-site locations within the dedicated open spaces of Tapie and/or Spring Canyon. The replacement ratio for the impact of removing four (4) trees (# 49, #246, #251, #252) shall be a minimum of 2:1, or in compliance with the replacement ratio mandated by the County Forester.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project Botanist/biologist; Landscape architect	Review and approval of revegetation plan and landscape plan	LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>m) Prior to grading activities in Tapie and lower Spring Canyon, scale broom and buckwheat seed heads shall be gathered and stored for seed dispersal (or directly dispersed) within Spring Canyon. Seeds of Yerba Santa (<i>Eriodictyon crassifolium</i>) shall also be dispersed in Spring Canyon to compliment the alluvial scrub replacement.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project Botanist/biologist; Landscape architect	Review and approval of revegetation plan and landscape plan	LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) Fuel modification zones shall be restricted to the minimum distance required by the Los Angeles County Fire Department through the project's CC&amp;R's.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Grading contractor; Construction contractor	Review and approval of landscape plan and building plans	LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) With the Department of Public Works approval, the potentially adverse effects of night lighting on surrounding open space areas shall be mitigated by the following measures: (1) Use street lighting only at intersections; (2) Use low-intensity street lamps; (3) Use low elevation lighting poles; (4) Direct light away from open space areas by using internally silvered globes or external opaque reflectors; and (5) eliminate the use of arc lighting adjacent to open space areas by restricting private sources of illumination around homes.</li> <li>(PS) Lighting of the street under the freeway shall be directed at the road. Illumination of the pedestrian sidewalk on the west side of the underpass shall be in compliance with the County's requirements. Lighting of the equestrian/wildlife trail on the east side of the underpass shall be minimal, if at all, in compliance with County standards.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Building contractor; Project engineer	Review and approval of street lighting plan	LACDPW	Prior to recordation of final map; Post development inspections.

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• (PS) All on-site open space areas shall be buffered in such a manner as to discourage additional encroachment by the new human inhabitants. Deed restrictions regulating the use of off-road vehicles shall be developed to protect the open space from potentially adverse uses.	Project Applicant	Review and approval of final map	LACDRP	Condition of final map recordation
• (PS) Any proposed hiking and riding trails shall have specified access points and shall be converted to interpretive trails. Signposts shall be incorporated on the trail to educate users about the species to be observed, their value to a balanced ecology, and the importance of riparian habitats and habitat linkages.	Project Applicant	Review and approval of final map	LACDRP	Condition of final map recordation
• (PS) A Fuel Modification Plan shall be developed in consultation with the LACFD. Brush clearance shall be limited to the minimum extent possible.	Project Applicant	Review and approval of the final fuel modification plan; Approval of CC&R's; Routine onsite inspections to ensure continued compliance with restrictions	LACDRP, LACFD	Prior issuance of grading permit; CC&R enforcement; annual fire inspections.
• (PS) Approved non-native groundcovers and low shrubs will be allowed only in the Setback and Irrigation Zones (Zones A and B per LACFD Guidelines). Non-natives shall not be used in the Thinning and	Project Applicant	Review and approval of the final fuel modification plan; Approval of CC&R's; Routine onsite inspections to ensure continued compliance with restrictions	LACDRP, LACFD	Prior issuance of grading permit; CC&R enforcement; annual fire inspections.

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Interface Zones (Zones C and D).	Project Applicant	Review and approval of final map.	LACDRP	Condition of final map recordation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) Owners of residences and visitors shall be notified by on-site signage and by language included in CC&amp;R's that access to Open Space Lots 547 and 548 is prohibited, except along approved trails, if any, and via designated access points. See the biological resources section for additional restrictions.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Landscape architect	Review and approval of landscape plans	LACDRP, LACDPW and LACFD	Prior to issuance of grading permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) All development landscaping shall be planted with non-invasive plant species, preferably species native to the area. Exotic plant species listed by the California Exotic Plant Pest Council as noxious weeds shall be prohibited in all landscaping. Control of exotic plants shall be addressed in the Open Space Management Plan called for above, and implemented per the specifications to be included therein.</li> <li>(PS) Owners of residences in the development shall be informed that dogs and cats are not allowed in open space areas. Signs shall be erected at designated access points to open space lots prohibiting pets from entering, leashed or not.</li> </ul>	Project Applicant & Conservation District to be created by the applicant	Buyers will receive information in Escrow package	LACDRP & Conservation District	Confirm that Conservation District is in place; Record CC&R prior to Final Map Approval

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• (PS) Loss of pets to native predators is likely, unless pets are contained on their owners' property. Trapping, shooting, or poisoning of native predators such as coyotes or bobcats shall be prohibited except by duly authorized state or county fish and game or animal control officers.	Project Applicant & Conservation District to be created by the applicant	Buyers will receive information in Escrow package	LACDRP & Conservation District	Confirm that Conservation District is in place; Record CC&R prior to Final Map Approval
• (PS) Stormwater runoff shall be filtered, where feasible, through appropriate oil and grease traps, installed at discharge points along the streets.	Project Applicant; Project engineer; construction superintendent	Review and approval of SUSMP	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit; On-site inspection during construction
• (PS) Stormwater discharge shall go through bio-filters, installed where feasible, to breakdown pesticides and minimize their flow into natural watercourses.	Project Applicant; Project engineer; construction superintendent	Review and approval of SUSMP	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit; On-site inspection during construction
• (S) Common areas shall be treated only with "least toxic" pesticides (e.g. pyrethrum, neem extract), short-lived herbicides (e.g. Roundup), and low concentrations of fertilizers.	Project Applicant & Conservation District to be created by the applicant	Buyers will receive information in Escrow package	LACDRP & Conservation District	Confirm that Conservation District is in place; Record CC&R prior to Final Map Approval
• (S) A California Department of Fish and Game Agreement (1603 Agreement), a Regional Water Quality Control Board Certification (401 Cert.) and a US Army Corps of Engineer 404 Permit may be required.	Project Applicant	Condition of project approval	ACOE/CDFE/RWQCB, LACDRP and LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit

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<b>CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>					
The following project-specific (PS) and standard (S) mitigation measures shall be implemented to reduce the project-related individual and cumulative impacts to a level that is less than significant.					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (PS) Archaeological monitoring shall be required during grading or other project related ground alteration activities in areas of <b>Shadow Pines 2-5</b>.</li> <li>• (PS) <b>Shadow Pines 1</b> is a potentially significant resource and shall be avoided. If avoidance is not feasible, a Phase II testing program to determine the nature, extent, and significance of the site shall be undertaken. All investigations of <b>Shadow Pines 1</b> shall be conducted in accordance with CEQA guidelines.</li> <li>• (S) In the event that cultural resources (as identified by the onsite archaeologist) are encountered during grading, such activity in the affected area(s) shall cease and the appropriate local archaeological agency (UCLA Archaeological Survey) shall be notified immediately. Grading activity in the affected area(s) will continue only after</li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project Archaeologist  Project Applicant; Project Archaeologist	Applicant shall retain an archaeologist for onsite inspection and submit monitoring report to LACDRP  Applicant shall submit archaeologist's survey and report to LACDRP	LACDRP  LACDRP	Prior to issuance of grading permit; during grading operations  Prior to issuance of grading permit; during grading operations	
	Project Applicant; Project Archaeologist	Construction monitoring	Project archaeologist; LACDPW	During grading operations	

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the cultural resources are properly assessed and subsequent recommendations are executed as determined by an archaeologist onsite.	(S) In accordance with CEQA Guidelines, Appendix K-VIII and California Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, in the event of discovery or recognition of human remains, all development in the affected area(s) will cease immediately, and a Native American Indian advisor for the local Indian tribe, along with the Native American Heritage Commission, and other appropriate agencies will be contacted. The area(s) shall remain restricted until the human remains are legally and ethically dealt with by the appropriate authorities.	Project Applicant; Project Archaeologist	Construction monitoring	Project archaeologist; LACDPW
<b>VISUAL QUALITIES</b>	With the proximity of the proposed project to the freeway, landscaping, architectural design, and structure placement represent the best available means to minimize visual effects associated with the proposed residential uses. As such, the following standard (S) and project-specific (PS) mitigations are required to reduce the potential individual and cumulative visual			

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Impacts associated with the proposed project. However, visual impacts may remain significant after mitigation.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (S) Manufactured slopes shall be landscaped with native and/or County-approved non-invasive plants that would most closely match natural vegetation in stature, color, and texture, as feasible under the Fuel Modification Guidelines.</li> <li>• (S) Taller shrubs and trees should be planted in naturally appearing patterns near downslope edges of pads to conceal and disguise the geometrical shapes of manufactured slopes.</li> <li>• (PS) Residential structures of lots located atop the highest manufactured slopes, with freeway-oriented rear yards, (lots 483-486, and lots 507-521) shall be sited with minimum front yard setbacks to maximize setbacks from the backyard edges of pads to lessen potential visibility of structure walls.</li> <li>• (PS) Lots 18, 29, 30, 42, and 43 shall be deed restricted from any major alteration of the natural topography of the main ridgeline beyond the initial graded pad in order to maintain view of</li> </ul>	Project Applicant  Project Applicant; Landscape architect	Improvements must be completed prior to recordation of the final map  Review and approval of landscaping plans	LACDPW  LACDPW	Prior to recordation of Final Map  Prior to recordation of Final Map
	Project engineer	Review and approval of building plans	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit
	Project Applicant	Approval of CC&R's	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit; CC&R's enforcement

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that ridge.	Project engineer; Building contractor	Review and approval of building plans	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (PS) Residential structures shall be sited, to the extent feasible, so that the side walls lowest in height and/or which exhibit the least massing effect, are oriented in downhill directions; and that roof slopes mirror as closely as feasible the prevailing slope of the prevailing terrain.</li> <li>• (S) Natural building materials and colors compatible with surrounding terrain (earth tones and non-reflective paints) shall be used on exterior surfaces of all structures, including water tanks, walls, and fences.</li> </ul>	Project architect	Review and approval of building plans	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (PS) Understories and retaining walls higher than six (6) feet shall be in tones compatible with the surrounding terrain using textured materials or construction methods which create a textured effect. Native vegetation to screen retaining walls shall be planted, as may be consistent with fire safety.</li> <li>• (PS) Project night-lighting for streets, parkways, pedestrian walkways, and other public use areas shall be hooded, directed, and/or of limited heights to minimize night-time light spill-over</li> </ul>	Project architect; Landscape architect	Review and approval of building plans and landscaping plans	LACDPW and LACFD	Prior to issuance of building permit
	Project Engineer	Review and approval of building plans	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(PS) Lighting planned for the proposed park near the Spring Canyon road freeway underpass shall be limited to low, directed, and/or hooded lighting of parking areas, activity areas, and walkways sufficient for maintaining security of facilities and assurance of public safety. Tall lighting standards designed to permit night-time group use of park facilities, which could result in glare to the freeway shall not be permitted.</li> </ul>	Project Engineer	Review and approval of building plans	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of building permit
<b>TRAFFIC &amp; ACCESS</b>	Implementation of the following mitigation measures will reduce the project individual and cumulative impacts to a less than significant level.	Mitigation Measures for Project Impacts-County of Los Angeles:	Project Applicant	Improvements must be completed prior to recordation of the final map
<u>Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14 Westbound Ramps</u>			LACDPW	Phor to recordation of final map

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paid to the "District" within which this signal has previously been identified.				Prior to recordation of final map
<u>Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14 Eastbound Ramps</u>	Project Applicant	Improvements must be completed prior to recordation of the final map	LACDPW	Prior to recordation of final map
• The project developer shall install a traffic signal at this location. The project should be given a credit against fees paid to the "District" within which this signal has previously been identified.	Project Applicant	Improvements must be completed prior to recordation of the final map	LACDPW	Prior to recordation of final map
<u>Soledad Canyon Road and Spring Canyon Road:</u>	Project Applicant	Improvements must be completed prior to recordation of the final map	LACDPW	Prior to recordation of final map
• The project applicant proposes to install a new traffic signal and widen the intersection to provide an eastbound left turn lane and through lane and a westbound right turn lane and through lane. The extent of widening will provide for sight distance along Soledad Canyon Road for a 60 mph design speed.	Project Applicant	Improvements must be completed prior to recordation of the final map	LACDPW	Prior to recordation of final map
<u>Soledad Canyon Road (SR-14 to Spring Canyon Road):</u>	Project Applicant	Improvements must be completed prior to recordation of the final map	LACDPW	Prior to recordation of final map
• In order to fully mitigate the project traffic impacts on this roadway segment, Soledad Canyon Road shall be widened to accommodate a total of				

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three lanes. A three-lane section of roadway should include one lane in each direction plus a center passing lane that could serve both westbound (in the A.M.) and eastbound (in the P.M.) traffic. This three-lane section has been reviewed and approved by the County as a full-mitigation measure for that segment of Soledad Canyon Road between SR-14 and Spring Canyon Road which is physically restricted due to terrain.				Prior to recordation of final map
Mitigation Measures for Cumulative Impacts - County of Los Angeles: <u>Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14 Eastbound On-Off Ramps</u>	Project Applicant	Review and approval of detailed striping plan	LACDPW	Prior to recordation of final map

- The mitigation measure for this location is the restriping within the existing intersection to provide two northbound through lanes in lieu of the single northbound through lane that currently exists. These two lanes shall be carried north of the intersection under the freeway bridge to join two northbound lanes which currently exist. This project shall pay a fair share of the costs of this intersection improvement.

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Soledad Canyon Road (East of Spring Canyon Road)	Project Applicant	Review and approval of detailed striping plan	LACDPW  Prior to recordation of final map
• While the project is not considered to have a "measurable" impact on Soledad Canyon Road east of Spring Canyon Road, cumulative impacts are anticipated for the "existing plus ambient plus project plus related projects" condition. The subject project is within the Route 126 Bridge & Thoroughfare Construction Fee District (District), and is thus required to pay a "fair share" fee to the District to help finance necessary improvements, as determined by the County. The proposed project's share of impacts are 3.4% during the A.M. peak hour, and 7.2% during the P.M. peak hour.	Mitigation Measures for Project Impacts - City of Santa Clarita:  <u>Soledad Canyon Road and Sand Canyon Road</u>	Review and approval of detailed striping plan	LACDPW  Prior to recordation of final map

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<u>Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14 Westbound On-Off Ramps East of Sand Canyon Road</u>	Project Applicant	Review and approval of detailed striping plan	LACDPW; City of Santa Clarita Transportation & Engineering Services	Prior to recordation of final map
<p>The mitigation measure for this location is the installation of dual westbound left turn lanes and protected left turn phasing to replace the current single lane westbound unprotected left turn.</p> <p>This measure shall require removal of the existing bike lane on the north side within the intersection area and restriping within the north barrel of the divided roadway to provide the additional westbound left turn lane while retaining two westbound through lanes.</p> <p>Mitigation Measures for Cumulative Impacts-City of Santa Clarita: <u>Soledad Canyon Road and Sand Canyon Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mitigation measure for this location is the installation of dual northbound left turn lanes in place of the existing single northbound left turn lane. This modification shall involve restriping within the existing roadway on both the</li> </ul>	Project Applicant	Review and approval of detailed striping plan	LACDPW & City of Santa Clarita Transit Division	Prior to recordation of final map

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north and south legs of the intersection. This project shall pay a fair share of the costs of this intersection improvement.	Project Applicant; Project engineer	Review and approval of building plans	LACDPW & City of Santa Clarita Transit Division	Prior to recordation of final map
A transit bus stop will be provided on Valley Canyon Road to the satisfaction of the Los Angeles County Dept. of Public Works and the local transit provider, as necessary.				
<b>SEWAGE DISPOSAL</b>				
The following standard (S) and project-specific (PS) mitigation measures shall insure that the proposed project's individual and cumulative impacts are less than significant to the Newhall County Water District local sewer system and the County Sanitation District's SCVJSS.	Project applicant	Issuance of permits from LACDPW	LACDPW, LACSD	Prior to connection to SCVJSS
• (S) The applicant shall pay the appropriate sewage annexation and connection fees to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Water Works and Sewer Maintenance Division prior to sewerage service commencement.				
• (S) Connection fees shall be paid, as necessary, to the Newhall County Water District for impacts to the local sewer lines that are owned and	Project applicant	Issuance of permits from Newhall County Water District	Newhall County Water District	Prior to connection to SCVJSS

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EDUCATION	The following mitigation measures are required to reduce significant impacts to the Sulphur Springs School District and the William S. Hart Union High School District.			
	(S) The applicant shall pay Senate Bill SB 50 school impact to the William S. Hart Union School District. The total amount of the school impact fees shall be determined at the time of payment, prior to issuance of the building permits.	Project applicant	Applicant shall submit proof of payment with final building plan	LACDPW; WHUSD; SSSD LACDPW shall confirm payment prior to issuance of building permits
	(S) The applicant provide a ±9.0-acre, graded elementary school site immediately adjacent to the project site; or shall pay sufficient school impact fees to the Sulphur Springs School District; whichever is agreed to by the District.	Project applicant	Applicant shall submit proof of payment, or letter from the District regarding the acceptance of the school site with final building plan	LACDPW; WHUSD; SSSD LACDPW shall confirm payment prior to issuance of building permits
SHERIFF PROTECTION	The following project specific (PS) mitigation measure will be implemented in order to reduce the project-related potential impacts to a level that is less than significant.			

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• (PS) The applicant shall provide space for a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department sub-station on the L.A. County Fire station lot that is part of the proposed project design, or other mitigation, if required, to the Sheriff Department's satisfaction.	Project Applicant	Condition of project approval	LACDRP	Prior to tract map recordation
<b>WATER SERVICES</b>				
Implementation of the following standard (S) mitigation measure will reduce the project's potential individual and cumulative impacts on water service to a less than significant level.	Applicant	Submit receipt for connection fees paid to the NCWD	NCWD	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) The applicant shall pay connection fees, as necessary, to the satisfaction of the Newhall County Water District. The fees shall be paid prior to water service connection.	Applicant	Submit receipt for connection fees paid to the NCWD	NCWD	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) The applicant shall participate in any future funding mechanism, as necessary that is identified and implemented as part of the NCWD Master Water Plan for Pinetree Water System.	Applicant	Submit receipt for connection fees paid to the NCWD	NCWD	Prior to issuance of building permit
• (S) BMP Source Controls – The following BMPs are recommended for the proposed project:	Project Applicant; Project engineer; construction superintendent	Review and approval of SU SMP	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit; On-site inspection during

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public education/participation activities that make information available to homeowner groups, associations, and municipalities for further distribution to homeowners and businesses.</li> <li>- Construction runoff control activities, such as:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scheduling construction activities so that only small portions of the site, rather than the whole site, are denuded at the same time;</li> <li>- Use of sediment basins to capture stormwater runoff.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sediment is removed and disposed of after construction is complete;</li> <li>- Use of silt fences around construction areas;</li> <li>- Stabilization of areas where construction has temporarily ceased for more than 3 weeks.</li> </ul> <p>Stabilization can be accomplished using grass seed and straw mulch;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collecting and storing all waste materials in idled dumpsters;</li> <li>- Use of portable sanitation facilities that are regularly serviced; and Stabilization of construction ingress and egress points. Use of rumble strips and daily sweeping at access points to limit movement of sediment from the construction area.</li> </ul>			construction	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (S) BMP Treatment Controls –           <p>The following BMPs are recommended for the proposed project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Oil/water separators that are designed to remove petroleum compounds and grease. Separators will also remove floating debris and settleable solids.</li> <li>- Biofilters, which are two types: swale and strip. A swale is a vegetated channel that treats concentrated flow. A strip treats sheet flow and is placed parallel to the contributing surface.</li> <li>- Media filtration, which consists of a settling basin followed by a filter. The most common filter medium is sand; some use a peat/sand mixture.</li> <li>- Multiple systems that are a combination of two or more of the preceding controls in a series.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Project Applicant; Project engineer; construction superintendent	Review and approval of SUSMP	LACDPW	Prior to issuance of grading permit; On-site inspection during construction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (PS) Prior to operation of the landscaped park areas and school playing fields, a Management Plan should be prepared that includes an irrigation plan, water usage plan, and chemical management plan. This plan shall include use of modern irrigation systems, use of slow-release chemicals, and incorporation of water quality-related design features to reduce the potential for herbicides and</li> </ul>	On-site park areas - Project Applicant; Project Botanist/biologist; Landscape architect Off-site school site – SSSD	Review and approval of Management plan	On-site park areas – LACDPR & LACDPW Off-site school site – LACDPW	Prior to issuance of occupancy permit

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Fertilizers in storm and irrigation runoff and reduce associated potential effects on open drainages.				
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>				
While the proposed project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on the overall waste-stream, the following standard and project-specific mitigation measures are proposed to insure that project-related impacts remain less than significant.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (S) Future residential developments will participate in the waste reduction plans to be implemented by the County in accordance with the ISWMP.</li> <li>• (S) Removal of hazardous materials or waste from the project site will be conducted by a registered waste hauler.</li> <li>• (S) New residents will be provided information on household hazardous wastes and the county's household hazardous waste "round-up" program. Homeowners will be required to review and sign a statement indicating that they have been informed of the typical hazardous materials associated with residential uses and that they acknowledge that no household</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project occupants</li> <li>Future homeowners</li> <li>Project applicant; Project occupants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County-wide Implementation of the ISWMP, CC&amp;R's</li> <li>CC&amp;R's</li> <li>Provide information to project residents prior to close of escrow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste Management provider (to be determined)</li> <li>County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services</li> <li>County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Record a CC &amp; R prior to Final Map Approval</li> <li>Record a CC &amp; R prior to Final Map Approval</li> <li>Record a CC &amp; R prior to Final Map Approval</li> </ul>

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hazardous materials will be disposed of for municipal refuse collection.				
• (PS) New residents will be provided with information on recycling through local drop-off and/or buyback centers to be provided in the new homebuyers information package at the time of purchase.	Project Applicant	Provide Information to project residents prior to close of escrow	Waste Management provider (to be determined)	Record a CC & R prior to Final Map Approval
• (PS) Where feasible, recycling containers shall be made available on-site during construction of the project for disposal of recyclable construction waste.	Project Applicant, Construction contractor	Site inspection	LACDPW	Site Inspection during construction
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY</b>				
The proposed project may result in a significant impact related to construction and short-term operational impacts. Cumulative impacts are not significant. The following mitigation measures are required to lessen impacts to a less than significant level.				
• (PS) The applicant shall conduct all construction activities within the easement according to the guidelines and requirements for such activities stipulated by the Southern California Gas Company.	Project Applicant, Construction/Grading contractors	Onsite Inspections	Southern California Gas Company	Onsite inspection during construction and grading

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• (S) Weight of heavy construction vehicles used at the project site shall be in compliance with Southern California Gas Company guidelines and requirements for heavy construction vehicles that work in the Southern California Gas Company easement and cross said easement.	Project Applicant; Construction/Grading contractors	Onsite inspections	Southern California Gas Company	Onsite inspection during construction and grading
<b>RECREATION</b>				
Implementation of the following project standard (S) and project specific (PS) mitigation measure will result in a less than significant impact to recreational resources.				
• (PS) The project shall dedicate approximately 18.0 acres of private parkland (for passive recreation) on-site.	Project Applicant	Verification of payment of fees	LACDPR	Prior to tract map recordation
• (S) The applicant shall pay Quimby fees in the amount of \$149,930.	Project Applicant	Verification of payment of fees	LACDPR	Prior to tract map recordation
<b>LIBRARY SERVICES</b>				
Implementation of all of the following standard (S) mitigation measures will bring the project-related individual and cumulative library services impacts to a less than significant level.				

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• (S) The project proponent will comply with mitigation funding requirements that the County of Los Angeles has adopted in order to mitigate the proposed project's impacts to a level that is less than significant.	Project applicant	Verification of payment of fees	LACDPW; LACPL	Prior to tract map recordation
• (S) The Board of Supervisors has adopted a permanent developer fee of \$603.00 for the Santa Clarita Valley. Utilizing this number, total mitigation fees to offset the proposed project's impacts, in terms of space requirements and additional library materials, are estimated at \$326,826. The actual fee amount shall be calculated when the applicant pays this fee, prior to building permit issuance.	Project applicant	Verification of payment of fees	LACDPW; LACPL	Prior to tract map recordation